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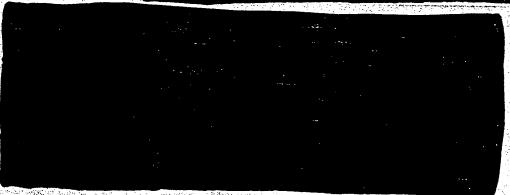


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ITEM

1. HAITI: EFFORTS TO RESOLVE CRISIS



OPINION AMONG HAITIAN LEGISLATORS IS DIVIDED OVER WHETHER TO PRESS FOR PRESIDENT ARISTIDE'S RETURN, BUT ALL SEEM TO WANT INTERIM LEADER CEDRAS TO STAY ON AS ARMY CHIEF. MEANWHILE, CEDRAS PUBLICLY WARNED FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND THE OAS NOT TO INTERVENE AND RULED OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT ARISTIDE COULD RETURN TO POWER, ARISTIDE CONSIDERS CEDRAS THE CONSIDERS CEDRAS THE BLOODSHED IN THE LAST DAY, AND MOST SOLDIERS HAVE RETURNED TO THE BLOODSHED IN THE LAST DAY, AND MOST SOLDIERS HAVE RETURNED TO THE BLOODSHED IN THE LAST DAY, AND MOST SOLDIERS HAVE RETURNED TO THE BLOODSHED IN THE LAST DAY, AND MOST SOLDIERS HAVE RETURNED TO THE BLOODSHED IN THE LAST DAY, AND MOST SOLDIERS HAVE RETURNED TO THE BLOODSHED IN THE LAST DAY, AND MOST SOLDIERS HAVE RETURNED TO THE BLOODSHED TO THE BLOOD



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MEMBERS OF THE HAITIAN LEGISLATURE PROBABLY WANT TO GUARANTEE THEIR INSTITUTIONAL SURVIVAL AND RESOLVE THE CRISIS BEFORE INTERNATIONAL BOYCOTTS ENGENDER TURMOIL AND HARDSHIP. THE POLARIZATION BETWEEN ARISTIDE AND CEDRAS, HOWEVER, REDUCES THE ROOM FOR A COMPROMISE. MOREOVER, THE HAITIAN MILITARY APPEAR UNITED IN THE FEAR THAT ARISTIDE'S RETURN WOULD THREATEN THE LIVES OF MANY OFFICERS AS WELL AS ENLISTED MEN AND POSSIBLY DESTROY THE MILITARY AS AN INSTITUTION.

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